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1. (Unclassified - GLC) Per the Director's instructions I called Mr. Larry McHugh, Joint Economic Committee staff, and told him that while the Director wanted to be helpful he would prefer to help the Committee in its August hearings on the Soviet economy by providing information to the Committee through the State Department as we did in 1969. This was an arrangement which was worked out between Senator Proxmire and the Director personally. McHugh asked about the appearance of other Agency witnesses and I told him the Director was normally the only spokesman for the Agency with the Congress and both we and our Committees prefer to keep it that way. McHugh seemed to accept this arrangement, at least for the moment, but said he would discuss it with Senator Proxmire to be sure it was agreeable with him. He will let me know the results of that conversation.

2. (Secret - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and left with him the copy of the portion of the Agency's briefing statement on Laos which was given to the Senate Appropriations Committee's Intelligence Operations Subcommittee at our budget hearing last Friday. Braswell expressed his continuing concern over the problems Senator Stennis will encounter on the Senate floor when he brings up the Defense procurement authorization bill. He said Senator Stennis is considering sending letters to the Secretary of Defense and to the Director in an attempt to pin down the Administration's plans for operations in Laos for fiscal 1972. It was clear that Braswell needed the kind of background briefing we have given our other CIA Subcommittee staff members so I arranged for [redacted] to brief him later in the day on the situation in Laos. Mr. Jim Woolsey, of the Committee staff, also attended this briefing. Both men found the briefing very helpful for they feel certain that one or more of the Senate members will call for a secret session on Laos when the procurement bill is being discussed.

3. (Secret - GLC) In response to his request, left with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, a copy of the briefing statement on Laos which was used in our budget hearing on 11 June.

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4. (Unclassified - GLC) Left with Miss Kathy Nelson, in the office of Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), [REDACTED] of a Hanoi radio broadcast commenting on Senator Symington's position on Laos.

5. (Confidential - GLC) James Gehrig, Staff Director, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, asked to see me and expressed his concern and frustration at being unable to obtain any statement covering unclassified information having to do with the Soviet Soyuz 11 and Salyut space-craft. Gehrig asked if we could be of any assistance on this. He was particularly interested in obtaining the ephemeris of the spacecraft. Mr. Brandwein subsequently prepared a brief statement which was given to Mr. Gehrig.

6. (Confidential - GLC) Encountered Mr. George Murphy, Joint Atomic Energy Committee staff, on the Hill and he asked me for any information we could provide him on the ChiCom nuclear submarine. I told him I would check on this and be back in touch with him.

7. (Confidential - GLC) David Martin, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called to say he was preparing a study on communist propaganda which he hoped would be released by the Subcommittee in the not too distant future and wondered if he could get some help from us on it. (He commented that USIA had given him some assistance.) He is interested in Soviet propaganda having to do with attacking the American defense establishment and other types of propaganda. He said if we were interested in assisting him he would be happy to show us the material as it is now drafted.

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8. (Unclassified - JMM) At the suggestion of [REDACTED] called Miss Rosemary O'Neill in State Department (P/MS/PI) and provided her with a quote from the Director's speech before the American Society of Newspaper Editors refuting allegations of Agency involvement in the drug traffic in Southeast Asia.

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9. (Confidential - JMM) Called Mrs. Gwen Lewis, in the office of Senator Len B. Jordan (R., Idaho), to say I understood the Senator was interested in some press allegations about Agency activities in Southeast Asia, on which he had queried the White House. I explained that I would be glad to come over and brief the Senator and she suggested tentatively 2:00 p.m. tomorrow, 16 June.

I later received a call on the same subject from John Lehman, of Dr. Kissinger's staff, who said Senator Jordan's questions about Agency operations in Southeast Asia posed some special problems, that the Senator himself was hard to handle, and he would appreciate my coordinating with Gene Cowen, of Clark MacGregor's staff, before talking to Senator Jordan.

I called Mr. Cowen re the above who said that the Administration very much needed Jordan's vote on the McGovern/Hatfield amendment and since Jordan was particularly "spiney" to deal with, Cowen was afraid that if I took the initiative to see him, Jordan may react negatively, feeling the White House had breached a confidence in passing problems about Agency operations in Southeast Asia to CIA to handle. Cowen said he was seeing Jordan on another matter this afternoon and would try to satisfy him then. Otherwise, Cowen agreed with my suggestion that he and I see Jordan jointly tomorrow. Cowen will let me know how his meeting this afternoon comes out.

10. (Secret - JMM) Stuart French, OSD/ISA, called to say he is still fighting to block a GAO audit of occupation funds received from the Germans and spent by our forces in Berlin. He asked if we didn't have any sensitive operations being supported by these funds which could be cited as an excuse for avoiding the GAO audit. I said in fact in this regard we were completely clean--that we had put our share of these funds in escrow pending a legal decision as to their disposition.

11. (Secret - JGO) The transcript of the Director's testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 29 March was forwarded to the Committee and returned later in the day.

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12. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Delivered to Mr. William Sullivan, Staff Assistant, in the office of Senator Robert Dole (R., Kan.), [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of November 1962 relating to release of French prisoners. Mr. Sullivan was most appreciative. (See Journal of 11 June 1971.)

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13. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and left with him a copy of the portion of the Agency's briefing statement on Laos which was given to the Senate Appropriations Committee's Intelligence Operations Subcommittee at our budget hearing last Friday.

Mr. Preston told me the Committee will be meeting tomorrow and included in the agenda is discussion of continuing resolution and problems that have been encountered with the Department of Defense under the continuing resolution in prior years.

Mr. Preston also request that he be provided a copy of the Director's budget presentation or outline notes two to three days in advance of the meeting so that he may better prepare the Chairman before the next meeting. He told me that although he has not made a similar request in the past, this is the normal procedure and that with the many problems facing the Chairman that are related to our budget, he feels it will be necessary this time for more advance preparation of the Chairman. I thanked him for the advance notice and told him I would relay the request.

14. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mrs. Lois G. Myers, Employee Benefits Staff, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that she had reviewed some portions of the file with Mr. Barton and knows of no further material that he will need from us. She suggested that it would be well to cover the matter with him on his return tomorrow.

15. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph J. Devlin, Staff Assistant, Subcommittee on Retirement, Insurance, and Health Benefits, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that the Committee hearings on the amendments to the Civil Service Retirement Act for law enforcement officers and others engaged in hazardous duty went well but the legislation does not appear to have much chance of passage at this time.

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